

DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO RATIFY ITS ELECTIONS

Few Adverse Comments Over Nomination of Officers at Meeting Friday Night—Big Week in Politics Begins With Nonpolitical Addresses by Candidates at Labor Day Celebration.

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Not amid the flourish of trumpets nor within the sound of martial music, but attended by a calmness which is at once indicative of thorough deliberation and cool judgment, the Democratic club will open their campaign in both the city and State this week. Many interesting events are scheduled to take place before next Saturday night, not the least of which will be the meeting of the State Central and Executive Committees at Murphy's Hotel at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Chairman Elyson has gone to Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Democratic Committee at the Auditorium Annex to-morrow morning, but before leaving the city Saturday night, he told a Times-Dispatch man that he would return in time to preside over the proposed conference of party leaders. There are fifty members of the State Central Committee, and the Executive Committee, which acts only in advisory capacity—the members having no vote—is composed of one from each congressional district. There are eleven in the present body, however, Chairman Elyson having put Senator Echols, of Augusta, and Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, of Nelson, both on from the Fourth District. The meeting of the State Committee will bring scores of prominent party leaders and workers here from all sections of the State, and many important matters relating to the campaign will be discussed.

Nominations Coming. It is expected that in addition to the members of the committee all the Democratic nominees for Congress and most of the State and district electors will be in attendance, and each will be asked to state what are the weak points in his particular section. It is not unlikely that the gubernatorial candidates will also be on hand to offer their advice and assistance, and incidentally to look after their own interests. When plans have been laid for a vigorous campaign, Chairman Elyson will open headquarters here and begin an aggressive battle all along the lines.

The speaking campaign will really open to-morrow, and a number of important points will be covered by popular orators. Judge Sam W. Williams, of Wythe, will be at Front Royal; Hon. J. Cloyd Byars at Jonesville, and former Senator A. F. Thomas at Marion. There will be speaking at several other points in the State to-day, and a large number of appointments will be shortly announced for next week. The Ninth District will receive the greatest amount of attention at the meeting here Thursday night, and throughout the campaign, as the Democrats are preparing for a desperate effort to wrest it from the control of what they call the Stump-Summers Republican machine. Mr. Byars, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Ninth, will have his friends here in full force Thursday, and the situation will be carefully gone over in the presence of the committee.

Strenuous Week Here. The present week will be a strenuous one in politics in Virginia, and Richmond will be the storm centre. Although they will not discuss politics to any great extent, the speeches of Judge Mann and Messrs. Stuart and Tucker at the Labor Day celebration here will be heard by a great many of their respective followers, and the occasion will naturally have some bearing on the gubernatorial contest which these three gentlemen are preparing to wage next year.

On Thursday night, while the Democratic leaders are at Murphy's preparing to roll up a big majority for Bryan and Kern, Thomas L. Higen, the Independence party candidate for President, will be speaking to his followers in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel. It is possible that William Randolph Hearst, the founder of the new party, will join Mr. Higen here, though it is more likely that he will meet him in Atlanta or Birmingham later on. They will make an extended trip through the South and West, and will wind up on the Pacific coast some time in October.

It is not thought by Democratic or Republican leaders that the Independence party will cut much of a figure in Virginia or the South, and little is heard concerning its organization here.

Bryan-Kern Club. The most interesting event in local politics during the week will be the first public meeting of the Bryan-Kern-Lamb Club in Murphy's Annex Friday night at 8 o'clock, and there is every prospect of a large attendance here. Those interested in the club are now at work securing the names of Democrats who wish to join, and these will be read out at the meeting. The rally

heretofore announced for next Saturday night in the City Auditorium to be addressed by Governor Swanson, Judge Thea and former Governor Montague has been postponed to some later time on account of the fact that the annual meeting of the Clay Ward Active will be held that night. In view of this postponement the club will take the matter up Friday night, and will then fix a date for the opening rally of the campaign.

Colonel John S. Harwood, who was elected president of the Bryan-Kern-Lamb Club Friday night, and who was not present, stated that all members will be given opportunity to vote upon the election of officers at the coming meeting. None of the officers except Secretary Saville were present when they were chosen, and they did not know that their names would be suggested. There has been some criticism of the action of the club in electing officers before a larger meeting was held, and in view of this criticism every one will be given a chance to vote on the question of ratifying the work of the first meeting when the body assembles Friday night.

Only a Few Object. Only a few have been heard to comment upon the matter unfavorably, but those who are interested in the success of the club declare that so far as they are concerned no one should have cause for dissatisfaction, but that they will strive to promote harmony in the ranks of the party, rather than afford any reason for bickerings or petty disputes over the best method of procedure.

There seems to be no cause for alarm along this line, and it looks now as if harmony will be the watchword of the new organization and that within the next few weeks the club will have developed into one of the largest and most enthusiastic in the South.

There is talk already among local leaders of an effort to get Hon. W. Kern, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, to come here and make a speech some time next month, and the club will consider it at an early meeting.

After the confirmation of the officers Friday night, which now appears practically certain, President Harwood will announce his executive committee, and such other appointments as the chair is authorized to make. It is stated by enthusiastic workers for the club that all Democrats who desire to join are invited to attend the meeting Friday and to secure the names of others who wish to become members.

The meeting will be held in the banquet hall of Murphy's annex, and will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock.

TO ELECT CHAIRMEN

Council Committees Organize and Begin Work To-Morrow.

Beyond the introduction of new ordinances, the reorganization of measures which died in committee, the meeting of the Common Council scheduled for to-morrow night can be said to be the most important of the week. The committee line up before much legislation is attempted. Councilmen who have some pet scheme to advance, or who want before their ward in the election as favoring certain public improvements, prefer to make friends and sound the new committees, so as to avoid introducing a matter and having it killed promptly before the new member has shown his strength or put forward his best argument.

Committees will be organized to-morrow, as follows: Streets, 5 P. M.; Finance, 6 P. M.; Light, 7:15 P. M.; Electricity, 8:45 P. M.; Water, 9 P. M. All of these committees will organize by the election of chairman, subchairman and clerk, and will fix the date of their stated meetings.

SERMON TO UNIONISTS

Rector of St. Andrew's Preaches Special Sermon in Honor of Labor Day.

Preliminary to the Labor Day celebration at Lakeside Park to-day, a special service was held last night at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, conducted by the rector, the Rev. Thomas Semmes. The service was largely attended by union men and their families, representing all sections of the city and all denominations, as well as nearly all of the trades unions. A special musical program was rendered, and in a brief address the rector pointed the attention of his hearers to the fraternity of Christian brotherhood. The offering taken was for the benefit of the unemployed in the West End of the city.

READE NOT TO RUN AGAINST HOBSON

Former Members Attempt to Prevent Alderman's Election as Chairman of Poor Committee.

PUT CANDIDATE IN FIELD

Physician Declines, However, and Will Nominate and Support Hobson.

Efforts of reactionaries and former members of the Council Committee on Relief of the Poor to prevent the election of Alderman Graham B. Hobson as chairman of the new Committee on Relief of the Poor seem to have failed, the candidate selected by the opponents having declined to serve. From indications last night it is believed that Mr. Hobson will be elected, with possibly one dissenting vote.

Within the first few moments following the announcement of the committee last Friday night a movement began among those dropped from the former Poor Committee to prevent the selection of Mr. Hobson as chairman. Canvassing the situation, Dr. Frank M. Reade, one of the active newer members, was selected as the most plausible nominee to beat Mr. Hobson, although the name of Alderman Bennett was mentioned.

Dr. Reade Declines Honor. Saturday the situation became acute, and yesterday the report came to the ears of Dr. Reade, who, when asked for a statement in regard to the chairmanship, said:

"I do not want the position. I have neither the desire nor the time for it. I would not ask any one to work or to vote for me, and do not know where the suggestion of my name originated, other than that the chairman of the old committee very pleasantly told me that he would support me for the chairmanship. I think Alderman Hobson is the man for the place. His past services entitle him to such a recognition. I will vote for Mr. Hobson if he is nominated, and if he is not nominated will nominate him myself."

"I have heard it stated," continued Dr. Reade, "that members of the Council are working for my election. I have given it to be understood that Dr. Ennion G. Williams is in favor of my nomination. This is not true. I have had a conference with Dr. Williams, and we have agreed that Mr. Hobson is the logical man for the position, and I know that Dr. Williams is supporting Mr. Hobson."

PETITION TO BE HEARD

Highland Park Council May Pass on Bridge Proposition To-Night.

Several days ago a petition was presented to the Highland Park Council asking for an expression on the part of the town regarding the project originated by a number of citizens for building a bridge over the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to be landed on Second Avenue, Highland Park.

The Council will meet to-night, and it is probable that the bridge matter will come up, though it is not known what position the town will take.

The plan is to build this bridge with the view of opening a district of the county which at present has no direct route to Richmond. By this means a road could be built through an isolated territory, thus bringing the residents within easy reach of the city. It is believed that the plan, if carried out, would enhance the value of adjacent property, besides the convenience afforded many residents of the county by a direct road to Richmond.

Though many citizens of the county are intensely interested in the proposition, Mr. W. R. Sawyer, of Highland Park, heads the list of those backing it.

STATE LIBRARY TO BE OPEN TO-DAY AS ON OTHER DAYS

The State Library will be open to-day for the special benefit of those who, on account of the fact that the day is a general holiday, have the leisure to visit it. The law in reference to keeping the library open is as follows: "The library shall be kept open every day in the year (except Sundays) from 9 o'clock ante-meridian until 5 o'clock post-meridian and such hours as the library board may direct. But the board may, in its discretion, name certain days on which the library may be closed."

Labor Day has not been named as a day for closing, in the belief that many can on this day enjoy the advantages of the library who are at other times prevented from doing so by attention to their usual routine duties.

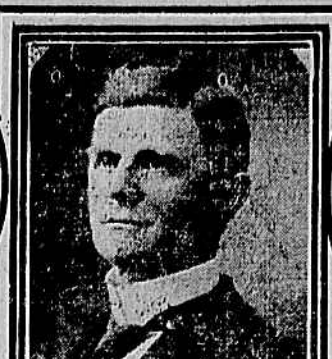
Henry Robb Recovers.

Henry Robb, the young Swansboro boy who was seriously shot by accident at Forest Hill Park last week, is resting quietly at the Memorial Hospital, and considering the nature of his wounds, is doing as well as could be expected.

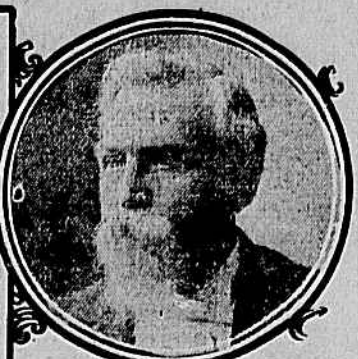
SPEAKERS AT LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



HARRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER



MAYOR D. C. RICHARDSON



WILLIAM HODGES MANN

GAMBLING HOUSE RAIDED BY POLICE

Mechanics' Social Club, Over 708 East Broad, Had No Legitimate Charter.

In a raid on gambling rooms located over No. 708 East Broad Street early yesterday morning, the police captured ten men, most of whom were at a table playing, and seized a quantity of chips, cards and other paraphernalia.

The so-called club, which is conducted over the Central Restaurant, has been under the eye of the police for some time, and yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock, after several who were known to frequent the place regularly, had been seen to go up and not return, Sergeant Zimmer and Officers Tate, Goldsby and Atkinson went through the restaurant and up the back stairs to the rooms. Not until they had gained entrance were the players aware of their presence in the neighborhood, and though several made a break for the front entrance, the door was locked and the whole bunch were gathered in. Cards and chips were scattered all over the table, and \$11 in cash was found in a box.

Morgan T. Jones is charged with being proprietor of the place, which is run under the name of the Mechanics' Social Club, and several of those who were in the house at the time have been connected with gambling houses before.

Jones was convicted on a similar charge about a year ago, but at that time was running a house further up Broad Street. The men declared that they were playing set-back for supper when the officers arrived, and were just about finishing up the game.

The only charter which could be produced was an ancient typewritten article which lost its value by the oversight on the part of those who got it out in not having it signed by any one in particular, who has the authority to issue charters in the State of Virginia.

The house was well equipped with gambling devices of all kinds. A quantity of cards and poker chips were found, and there were several poker and stud poker tables in the room. The tables were left, but everything else was bundled in the patrol wagon and taken to the First Station. All the men gave bond for appearance in Police Court this morning.

LABOR-DAY HOURS AT POSTOFFICE

Executive division will be open, as usual, until 12 noon.

Stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., and from 3 P. M. to 7 P. M.

Carriers will make one complete delivery at 9 A. M., closing as near as possible at noon. Collectors will make hotel deliveries at 7 P. M.

Money order division will be open at the usual hour until 12 noon.

Registry division will be open at the usual hour until 12 noon. Stations "A" and "B" will observe the same hours as the main office. Mails will be dispatched to these stations at 6:15 A. M. and 9:15 A. M. Collections will be made at 7 A. M., 12 M. and 7 P. M.

HENRY C. STUART

NEARLY DROWNS IN SEWER TRAP

Prompt Work by Policeman Atkinson Saves White Woman from Terrible Death.

While accompanying the patrol wagon on one of its numerous weekend calls early yesterday morning, Bicycle Policeman Atkinson, with more dispatch than grandstand heroism, rescued Dora Lowry, a white woman, from drowning in the gutter of an alley on Franklin, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets. From the condition of the woman when she was extricated, it is certain that a few minutes would have meant her death. As it was, rather strenuous efforts had to be put forth to bring her around.

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She was quickly taken to the station, where, after getting the water from her lungs, quickly recovered for one having gone through such an experience. She was locked up, and will be charged with drunkenness in the Police Court this morning.

FAREWELL TO MISS SMITH

Epworth League Honors Woman Who Is Going to Mission Fields.

Special services were held at the meeting yesterday afternoon of the Epworth League of Union Station Methodist Church in honor of Miss Sallie Smith, an active worker of the church, who will leave to-day for Kansas City, Mo., where she will enter the Scarritt Training School, preparatory to going as a missionary to the foreign field. At the conclusion of the regular program, the Rev. R. H. Potts, pastor of the church, paid a strong tribute to Miss Smith for her devotion to work in the past, and especially for her determination to go into foreign missionary work. As a mark of esteem and sympathetic support, she was presented with a Bible.

Last night missionary services were held as further encouragement to the young missionary.

RAN INTO CHILD WHILE RIDING BICYCLE ON MAIN STREET

B. Barber, a colored youth about fourteen years of age, while riding a bicycle down East Grace Street last night, ran into Sam Verliant, three years old, at the corner of Eighteenth Street, knocking him down and causing him to be painfully cut about the head.

The child was taken to his home nearby, and the wounds dressed by a physician, who said they were not serious. Barber was arrested.

DEAL BLOCKED BY "BLEACHER JIM"

Well-Known Rooter's Face Not to Appear on Bottles of North Carolina Corn Juice.

Some men are paid for what they know, some for what they don't know, while others draw the fat envelopes for prominence and general reputation, whether good or otherwise. Until a few days ago James Orange, better known among ball park habitués as "Bleacher Jim," thought that he had reached the latter state of opulence, but something crossed his luck and Jim feels now very much as though he would like to hermetically seal reputation, picture and signature in a pure food can until some guy arrives with a bag of money and a can-opener.

The trouble arose when the enterprising manufacturer of corn liquor came to the king rooster and asked him to sign articles with the company by which the bottles holding this delectable, soul-stirring liquid should bear not only the signature of the famous rooster, but his picture taken in full regalia.

Just before Jim was ready to affix his sprawling signature to the paper there came a sudden hitch, and the deal was off. Jim was keen enough to get away with the copyright, and while the booze concern is hunting for a new trademark, even if it had cost them well up in the thousands.

No matter who gets the franchise eventually, or how much "Bleacher Jim" gets paid for it, it will never look quite so much at home as on the outside of a basket of the limpid North Carolina juice, for Jim himself has succeeded in getting outside of some of this "Oh! be joyful." Together with a number of his most intimate friends, he feels that the manufacturers made a great mistake in not annexing the trademark, even if it had cost them well up in the thousands.

SESSION OPENS WEDNESDAY

Building Doubted to Union Seminary by Richmond Churches Rising Rapidly.

Union Theological Seminary will open for its ninety-seventh annual session on Wednesday afternoon with public exercises in the seminary chapel. Rev. Thomas C. Johnson, D. D., professor of church history and ecclesiastical polity, will deliver the annual address, after which the enrollment of new students will take place. The prospects for a new junior class are excellent, several students being already here.

Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church, of Austin, Texas, has accepted the position of field secretary of the seminary, and will assume his new position on October 1st. He succeeds the Rev. A. D. P. Gilmore, who was elected last May to be associate professor of the Hebrew language and literature.

The Richmond building at the seminary will be under roof within the next ten days, and parts of it will be ready for occupancy by the Christmas holidays.

Banner Across the Street.

A conspicuous net banner of the Virginia State Fair, giving the dates, October 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, and calling attention to the office of the fair at No. 809 East Main Street, has been suspended across Main Street between Eighth and Ninth, almost midway in the square, and high enough to be out of the way of trolley poles and wires.

LABOR WILL GATHER AT LAKESIDE PARK

Celebration To-Day Will Surpass All Former Gatherings of Union Men.

THREE CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

Mayor Richardson to Make His First Public Appearance Since Inauguration.

Addresses by the three men most in the public eye in Virginia will mark the celebration of Labor Day at Lakeside, and the unanimity with which all the labor organizations of the city are taking part in the preparations gives promise of the largest attendance on record. Contrary to former custom, there will be no formal street parade of the unions, the men reserving their energy for the races and jumping matches of the afternoon.

The past year in labor circles of Richmond has been uneventful. No strikes of any consequence have occurred to mar the cordial relations existing between employer and employee. Affiliated with the Central Trades and Labor Council, in whose charge the celebration of to-day has been placed, are thirty-five local unions, representing nearly every working craft. Notwithstanding the reported "hard times," the enrollment of union men was never larger, and, compared with other cities, an unusually large percentage has employment.

Will Escort the Speakers.

Instead of the usual parade, the distinguished guests of the day, including the three announced candidates for Governor, Hon. Henry C. Stuart, Hon. Harry St. George Tucker and Judge William H. Mann, with Mayor D. C. Richardson and Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty, escorted by the committee of arrangements, will be taken in carriages from the City Hall, with the chief marshal, mounted police and delegations from the local unions to the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railroad Station, where the party will board special cars for Lakeside Park.

The guests, with their escort, will leave the City Hall at 10 o'clock and the route will lay through Capitol Street, to Grace, to Fifth, to Broad, to Foushee, to Franklin, to Laurel and thence to the station. In charge of all arrangements will be Chief Marshal John W. Sparks, of the Pressmen's Union, assisted by his aid, Mr. Sidney Cates, of the Typographical Union.

At Lakeside Park.

The addresses will begin promptly on the arrival of the guests and officials at the park. Throughout the morning both street car lines will run extra cars for the accommodation of the men and their families, and all wishing to take part in the exercises or the day.

On the First Street line cars will be operated every twenty minutes, and on the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay line special through trains of three or four cars will be operated at frequent intervals.

The big band stand fronting the lake will be used for the speaking, and to this the gubernatorial candidates and the officers of the Central Trades and Labor Council will be conducted. Commissioner Doherty will preside, and after the preliminary exercises, will introduce Mayor Richardson, who will make his first public appearance since his accession to office. The Mayor will welcome the speakers and guests of the day on behalf of the labor organizations. Commissioner Doherty will then in turn introduce the three orators of the day, who will each make brief addresses.

Athletic Events.

Following the speaking, the athletic committee will take charge of the proceedings, and athletic sports, such as racing, long and broad jumping, ball throwing and numerous other events will be held.

Events, for which substantial prizes will be offered the winners, are the following: 100-yard dash, for men; 100-yard dash, for ladies; three-legged race; egg race, for ladies; running long jump; broad jump; high jump; potato race; ball throwing, for amateurs and for professionals; sack race; hurdle race, and a grand tug of war, with six to a side.

Prizes donated by the merchants of Richmond have been provided for each of these events. Dancing in the pavilion, both in the afternoon and at night, will attract many, and there will be boats on the lake for those who are inclined to water sports.

RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES ON EVE OF NEW ENGLAND TRIP

